

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Building Safe Playgrounds Initiative Dedications

Columbus Council member Kevin Boyce joins project partners to dedicate two new playgrounds at Broadleigh and Northtowne Elementary schools. Boyce sponsored legislation earlier this year to allocate City bond funds to start this health and safety effort. Columbus has nearly 200 community playgrounds, many with outdated equipment. "We are targeting low income neighborhoods where kids have few recreation opportunities," Boyce said at the time. "We want to reduce injuries and increase fun."

Playgrounds are considered community health assets. Selected sites will receive about \$150,000 for enhancements, such as new safety surfacing, rounded climbing structures and child-friendly freestanding equipment. Projects also set aside money to help maintain the sites over a fifteen-year period.

WHAT:

Broadleigh and Northtowne Elementary Playground dedications

WHO:

Council Member Kevin L. Boyce
Dr. Gene Harris, Superintendent Columbus Public Schools
Wayne Roberts, Director, Columbus Recreation & Parks
Stephanie Hightower, Columbus Public School Board President

WHERE:

Broadleigh: 3039 Maryland Avenue at 9:00 a.m.
And
4767 Northtowne Blvd. at 10:00 a.m.

WHEN:

Monday, December 19th, 2005